

Cabinet Meeting Resolution

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**E2803**

**Urban Gulls Strategy and Action Plan**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	10-Feb-16
<b>The Issue</b>	Update previous work and propose new ideas to address issues of urban gulls, with three core objectives: deterring the gull population; removing access to food sources and communicating with the public to garner support in tackling the problem.
<b>The decision</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> (unanimously) that the Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Adopt the revised urban gull strategy.</li> <li>2) Officers progress, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, the following measures prioritised for delivery in 2015/16 and 2016/17 using the allocated funding of £85k. These are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Provision of a pilot gull treatment programme supported by a communications campaign for areas in Abbey, Kingsmead, Widcombe, Newbridge, Westmoreland, Twerton and Midsomer Norton. This will be delivered through an external contractor chosen through an open and transparent tender process.</li> <li>b) An additional officer for waste education and enforcement for 6 months.</li> <li>c) The delivery of a comprehensive communications campaign.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3) The Cabinet Member, in consultation with officers, will apportion the budget of £85k to each of the above recommendations.</li> <li>4) In addition the Council will enter into a collaborative partnership with the University of the West of England and Middlesex University to map and track the behavioural patterns of gulls and deliver a citizen science project.</li> </ol>
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	<p>Whilst there is no statutory duty to take action on urban gulls it is a high profile issue for residents, businesses and visitors and is deemed a political priority.</p> <p>The authority will address the gull issue using the provisions of the Natural England general licence.</p>
<b>Other options considered</b>	To continue the current approach without the allocation of additional resources. Given the rationale outlined in the report, additional resource has been allocated to this work.

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